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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action mailed March 26, 2002 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.111, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 5 and 10, and cancel claims 30 and 34 without prejudice.

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4. (Twice amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the curable silicon-containing functional groups are groups of the formula
$$-\text{Si}(\text{R}_1)(\text{R}_2)(\text{R}_3)$$

in which the groups represented by R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 may be the same or different and each may comprise an ether or ester group, and in which one or two of R_1 to R_3 may represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon group.

5. (Twice amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the silicon-containing functional groups are curable by virtue of one or more oxime groups of the formula

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